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July 8, 2013

Mr. Anthony Brown
Atlantic Richfield Company
4 Centerpointe Drive
Project Manager, Mining La Palma, CA 90623-1066

Re: Rico Argentine Mine Site – Unilateral Administrative Order for Removal Action (“UAO”)
Docket No. CERCLA-08-2011-0005 – Schedule Modification (June 2013)

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am writing you to provide the enclosed approved schedule modifications that Atlantic Richfield has requested. The enclosed schedule (Section 8 of the UAO) outlines the specific modifications to the schedule and task details that must be performed to meet the Work Plan requirements.

As EPA and Atlantic Richfield discussed during the January 2013 meeting and subsequent meetings, EPA has considered the request for an extension of the scheduled deliverable and work completion dates associated with the UAO tasks presented in the Work Plan. The primary reasons for granting the extension are based on the progress being made on the individual tasks and the evidence that alternative water treatment technologies appear to be a feasible option for managing the discharge from the St. Louis Tunnel. In addition, work in the Blaine Adit directed at specific sources of acid mine drainage traveling underground through workings and assessment of the St Louis Tunnel collapse require additional time to be completed.

If you have questions regarding the schedule please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Way", written over a horizontal line.

Steven Way
On-Scene Coordinator

Enclosure

cc: Amelia Piggott, 8ENF-L



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